

Minutes  
**Joint Green Efforts Committee**  
July 7, 2015  
Town Hall Council Chambers  
6:30 p.m.

**Present:**

**In attendance:**

John Vibert, Chair  
Betty DaCruz  
Katy Perry

Liz Dolphin, Assistant Town Planner  
Terry Vujs (resident)

- A. Call to Order.  
The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm
- B. Public Comment.  
None
- C. To Approve the Following Minutes.  
As a quorum was not present no action was taken on the minutes for Green Efforts Committee meeting dated June 2, 2015.
- D. Old Business
  - 1. Discuss rules and procedure and membership:  
Assistant Planner Dolphin handed out copies of the current ordinance and charge. Those present discussed the rule for absence of members. Assistant Planner Dolphin indicated that she would look into how the rule was worded for other Commissions. She added that she was not aware of the rule ever being used. In most cases the Commission member is asked to resign so that they don't have to be removed. Those present also discussed Quorum size. Assistant Planner Dolphin noted that the current quorum size of 5 is set as a majority of the membership of 8. She added, however, that a quorum of 4 may be more suitable. Those present also discussed the importance of a full membership of interested members.
  - 2. Discuss goals and future initiatives:  
Assistant Planner Dolphin handed out a list of Green Efforts Committee Initiatives that are completed, on-going or not started. The initiatives were discussed and new ones added, including curb-side organic collection, compost bins, power purchase agreement, green building code, Styrofoam ban and adopt-a-road program. Assistant Planner Dolphin asked everyone to consider the list and pick 3-4 items that they felt were most important to pursue.

3. Discuss Clean Energy Communities Program:

Assistant Planner Dolphin reported that she had talked with Bob Wall regarding the Town's status with the Clean Energy Communities Program. She explained that the program has changed so that rather than solar panels, the Town was now eligible for approximately \$18,000 toward any energy efficiency program. Members indicated that they would still like to see solar panels installed on a Town building. Possible locations included West Woods Upper Elementary School, the Farmington Library and the High School. Assistant Planner Dolphin added that Bob Wall suggested contacting Peter with All Green It to see if he would be willing to contract with the Town for the Solarize Farmington rate.

E. Other Business.

Assistant Planner Dolphin announced that she would be retiring at the end of the month, but that she would pass along the revised Green Initiative List to Erica, who would be staffing the Committee at least temporarily. She thanked everyone for their involvement.

A Motion was made and seconded (Vibert/Perry) and unanimously voted to cancel the August meeting. The next meeting was September 1<sup>st</sup>.

F. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm (Perry/DaCruz).

cc: Paula Ray, Town Clerk to post  
Deb Bull – by e-mail for the Web  
Kathy Greider, Superintendent of Schools  
Mary Grace Reed, Board of Education  
Mary Paganini, Administrative Assistant